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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC.

I am a consumer that supports broadband competition for the reason of that gives me more options to have the service that I am looking for.

There was a time that I once had AT&T and Comcast. What I did not like about the either of those companies was that every year they would go up on their price for their services. It got to a point to where the price was so high with both companies, I decided to look elsewhere for service. When I did locate a different provider I located Sonic. They have great service & I feel the service they provide is better than AT&T & Comcast. They also stick with the prices that they offer & do not go up every year. I stress on the issue of price is because consumers & business are on budgets & can only spend so much on their needs.

About the speed of the internet that I have with Sonic, I feel that it is faster than AT&T & Comcast. I connect very well in which why the broadband service I have is very critical to my home with Sonic Network. When I did have Comcast, I had a number of times where there were connectivity problems & spent lots of time on the phone calling Comcast & having technicians come out to try to figure out what the problem was. In the end they could not figure out what the problem was after two months of issues & five service technicians. That was when I decided to look for service elsewhere and located Sonic Network & found that they use broadband network which is fast.

In reference to the land line service that I have with Sonic, I have not had any connectivity problems so date as I have been a Sonic network.

If I as a consumer am limited to having only one or two providers in my area, I will not be pleased. For one I still live in the same location where I had Comcast to where they could NOT figure out what the problem was why I kept loosing a connection for their services so that would not help me if they were an option. As well as the extreme prices they charge as AT&T also charge a very high price for service so I would not be pleased with limited options for service. Though we do live in a day & age where internet is needed but to be limited for internet service providers would not be beneficial for consumers as myself & businesses.

I do not know what else to say but having few options would not please consumers & businesses nor would it not please the other providers who are the competitive telecom. I don't know if my letter will make a difference but I hope it has some affect on the situation to save competitive telecom.

Thank you

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